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30 JAN 1980

Mr. Max Robb
President
Swisher Coal Company
P. O. Box AU
1109 S. Carbon Avenue
Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Robb:

This letter is to transmit to you the Department's approval of the mining and reclamation plan for Huntington Canyon No. 4 Mine (Office of Surface Mining Reference No. UT 0004). This plan has been approved with standard and special stipulations (attached). In order for this approval to be in effect, it will be necessary for your Company, over the signature of an appropriate Company official or authorized office, to accept the stipulations in writing.

Certain of the stipulations have been satisfied and certain of the dates proposed for compliance have been changed. The following special stipulations, referenced by number to the Attachment, have been satisfied through recent submissions from the Company: #5, #7, #9, #11, #12, #20, and #29. With regard to #20, Swisher shall provide this office with confirmation of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service agreement and shall provide evidence of incorporation of these procedures into the plan within one month.

The following special stipulations have been met in part: #25 and #30. The culvert spacing and accompanying rationale provided in the Company's submission did not satisfy special stipulation #30. Additional information is expected from the Company to satisfy #25.

The following dates are changed in the designated special stipulations: #11e, November 30, 1979 becomes "one month after approval;" #14, #15, and #22, December 31, 1979 becomes "six months after approval;" #16, #25, #27, December 31, 1979 becomes "three months after approval;" #21, December 31, 1979 becomes "December 31, 1980."

The bond amount is as designated in Special Stipulation #29 (\$154,275).

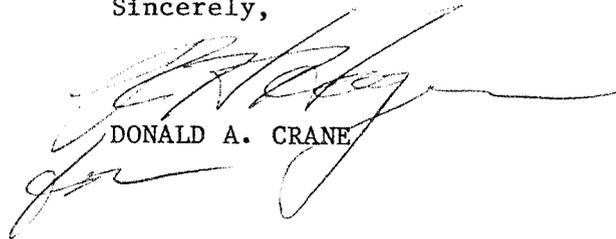
Mr. Max Robb

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It is emphasized that future submissions by the Company need to be expanded into a document which completely satisfies the specified requirements and intent of 30 CFR Part 211, at a minimum. Thus, all applications must demonstrate that the environmental protection performance standards are met. As you know, Departmental staff spent appreciable time in developing the demonstrations for this mine. In the future adequate field data and interdisciplinary analyses of projected impacts must be contained in the plan submitted by the operator.

I do appreciate your patience.

Sincerely,



DONALD A. CRANE

Attachments

cc: Dan Guy/Swisher
Ron Daniels/Utah Dept. of Natural Resources
Conservation Division Manager/U. S. Geological Survey
Gary Wicks/U. S. Bureau of Land Management
Reed Christensen/U. S. Forest Service